

MINUTES

EAST FORK OF VIRGIN RIVER WATER DISTRIBUTION MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 1997

Meeting was held in the Conference Room at State Bank of Southern Utah in Orderville, Utah.

Meeting was called to order by Sharon Lamb at 10:00 AM.

John Reese read the minutes of the 1996 meeting.

A motion was made by L Dean Anderson and seconded by Charles Brinkerhoff to approve the minutes of 1996 meeting.

Motion passed.

1996 Financial report was presented by Mr. John Larson.

Budget \$2,000.00

Spent \$1,786.48

Charles Brinkerhoff made motion to accept financial report.

Seconded by Brian Lamb.

Motion Passed.

1996 Commissioners Report.

Discussion about Water use changes. There have been several changes. Reports on these have been mailed to Commissioner Gerry Hoyt so he will know what is going on.

Written report was handed out.

1996 was a dry year.

Commissioner received reports of water theft.

He never found water being diverted where it was not supposed to.

He did see evidence that it probably had been.

There were confrontations with individuals.

There were problems with Glendale System and Philip Glesson. They are working on changing the system to eliminate problems. They are in the process of installing a separate pipe from the diversion for Phil Glesson's water.

The commissioner figured water acre feet for a 202 day season. He tried to adjust as accurate as possible on evaporation. He did readings mornings and evenings.

There are no weirs at Foot Ranch, and Thunderbird diversions. They could be required but are not really needed to regulate water. The comment was made that it would be a good idea to have a measuring device so a report could be made and records kept on water usage.

Muddy Creek maybe should install weir so a usage report can be kept.

Problem with Ranches

Small water rights, not hardly enough water to use when water is low. Ranches don't use water all the time but sometimes some of them are taking about 500% of their water rights. There was discussion on this. A consensus was that this practice should not be allowed. Ranches can combine water rights and go on turns to help the situation.

The group talked about sending a letter to Norman Carroll. Gerry Hoyt said that letters should also be sent to Dennis MacDonald, Jim Varney and Dunken McDonald.

Sharon Lamb commented, there have been times when water has been out on two places at the same time. Water out on Rusty Akin's and Jim Varney's or Dunken McDonald's.

Commissioner Gerry Hoyt commented. He can communicate with them and take care of the problem. The problem is that several different people take the water.

Kerry Carpenter will write a letter to Commissioner Gerry Hoyt stating that people cannot take more water than their flow rights. The letter will also discuss some possible solutions to problems. A copy will be sent to all ranches above the Glendale system.

A motion to accept the Commissioners report was made by L. Dean Anderson and seconded by Charles Brinkerhoff. Motion Passed.

1997 Budget

Gerry Hoyt commented the salary is ok.

Gerry went to Commissioners meeting. He ask about mileage to attend the meeting.

He ask if he should attend the meeting each year.

A motion to pay \$100.00 out of miscellaneous for mileage to attended commissioners meeting was made by L. Dean Anderson, seconded by Charles Brinkerhoff. Motion passed

Comment was made that Sharon Lamb was not compensated for his time. He took care of the water while Gerry Hoyt was in the hospital.

L. Dean Anderson made motion to Budget and Assess the same for 1997 and was done in 1996. His motion was seconded by Brian Lamb. Motion Passed.

Commissioner for 1997

A motion was made and seconded to recommend Gerry Hoyt be retained as Commissioner. Motion passed.

System Directors for 1997.

A motion was made to appoint Brian Lamb in Earl Sorensen's Place. This Passed.

A motion to retain the other directors was made and passed.

List of 1997 Directors

Sharon Lamb
John Reese, Secretary
Brian Lamb
L. Dean Anderson
Norman Carroll

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Minutes Taken by

John D Reese, Sec.